

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-7 are pending. It is respectfully submitted that upon entry of the instant amendment and consideration of the remarks below, that the application is in condition for allowance.

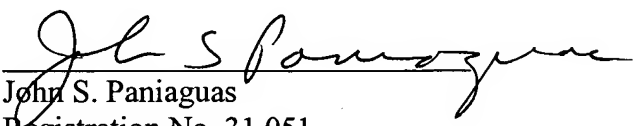
CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Boyd, et al., published U.S. Application US 2003/00701178 A1. In order for there to be anticipation, each and ever one of the elements of the claims must be found in a single reference. It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite subject matter not disclosed or suggested by the Boyd, et al. reference. In particular, the claims now recite that the method for controlling the pace of the card game relates to a method for controlling the pace of a live card game. The Boyd, et al. patent relates to an electronic poker game that may be played over a computer network. The Boyd, et al. patent does not at all suggest a method for controlling the pace of a live card game. For these reasons and all of the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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